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AIR FREIGHT UP 9.8% IN FEBRUARY

WASHINGTON, D.C., March 17, 1989--Air freight increased 9.8 percent in February, compared to February a year ago, for 18 airlines reporting cargo data to the Air Transport Association.

Domestic air freight in February rose 7.0 percent. Mail increased 0.6 percent. Total domestic air cargo, including freight and mail, registered a 5.6 percent gain.

International air freight of the U.S. carriers in February was up 12.8 percent. Mail increased 0.7 percent, and total international cargo had a gain of 11.7 percent.

In the first two months of this year, domestic air freight rose 6.1 percent. Mail had a gain of 0.3 percent, and total cargo grew 4.7 percent.

The U.S. airlines' international air freight during the first two months of 1989 was up 14.0 percent. Mail gained 2.3 percent, and total cargo rose 12.8 percent.

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CARGO FLOWN IN SCHEDULED DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

U.S. AIRLINE INDUSTRY

REVENUE TON-MILES
(In Thousands)

	DOMESTIC OPERATIONS			INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS			TOTAL	TOTAL
	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	CARGO
FEBRUARY 1989	376,486	102,986	479,472	364,131	33,213	397,344	740,617	876,816
FEBRUARY 1988	351,717	102,334	454,051	322,780	32,986	355,766	674,497	809,817
PERCENT CHANGE	7.0	0.6	5.6	12.8	0.7	11.7	9.8	8.3
2 MONTHS 1989	745,100	210,539	955,639	712,630	68,497	781,127	1,457,730	1,736,766
2 MONTHS 1988	702,353	209,958	912,311	625,225	66,977	692,202	1,327,578	1,604,513
PERCENT CHANGE	6.1	0.3	4.7	14.0	2.3	12.8	9.8	8.2

NOTE: Carriers included: Alaska, Aloha, American, Braniff, Continental, Delta, Eastern, Federal Express, Flying Tiger, Hawaiian, Northwest, Pan American, Piedmont, PSA, Southwest, Trans World, United, and USAir.